

**‘A lie is a lie even when everyone believes it; truth remains truth even when nobody believes it.
Adolf Hitler.**

A pervasive lie that veterans get healthcare and benefits on par or better than private sector is now a commonly believed, persistent, propagandized lie. Here are the historical facts – you figure out the rest. During the Clinton Administration, first lady, Hillary Clinton’s plan was to sell America on Socialized Healthcare. She needed a sterling Socialized example so chose the VA as her model. Armed with a presidential decree she gave VA an ultimatum: *reform into that sterling model or else*. Hillary needs no introduction: she has sharp teeth and a very nasty bite. In 1994, Clinton put Kenneth Kizer in charge of the VA health system, as Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs. The new sheriff over that agency had large teeth and nasty bite, too. Kizer among his many accomplishments, reformed VA; he modernized the VA’s computer systems, fired poor-performing doctors, support staff, and established private-sector-style metrics to measure the VA’s performance on things like patient wait times, care quality, service, etc. In other words, during his five year tenure Kizer reformed VA into a top performing healthcare and benefits institution notwithstanding entrenched, status quo ‘good old boy and girl’ interests dead set against him derailing their gravy trains. He created a long overdue mammoth train wreck from them to provide quality Veteran healthcare providing them *the benefits they deserved* for the first time in VA history. However, all good things end; after Clinton left office and Kizer resigned from VA so did their success story. Recidivism quickly reclaimed the institution to its former train wreck disaster run by status quo ‘good old boy and girl’ special interests: VSO’s, political pork, crony’s, internal corruption, etc while still getting a free ride and lunch on their gravy trains. All the while, hiding behind claimed and published accounts since the Clinton era VA golden age. VA is now considered the worst healthcare system in America yet perpetuates commonly believed lies to the contrary. Ref: Avik Roy, Forbes Staff writer.